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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING A SADDLE HUB  
ON A PIPE AND CORRESPONDING TAP

- ☒ Regular  
☐ Design Application

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on  
☐ and assigned application Serial No.

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- ☒ was described and claimed in International application  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

☒ Which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56  
☒ and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

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